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SUBJ: NEW APPOINTMENTS IN PLAN AND BUDGET ORGANIZA-
TION AND FOREIGN TRANSACTIONS COMPANY

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1. MR. MOHAMMAD BOUTORABI HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS UNDER-
SECRETARY FOR ENGINEERING AFFAIRS IN THE PLAN AND BUDGET
ORGANIZATION (PBO) AND MR. KAMEL HELMI-KABIR (OR HELMI)
AS MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE FOREIGN TRANSACTIONS COMPANY (FTC)
OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE. BOUTORABI REPLACES PARVIZ HEKMAT,
WHO WAS NAMED MINISTER OF ENERGY WHILE HELMI-KABIR REPLACES
MANOUCHEHR AZMOUDEH, NEWLY APPOINTED UNDERSECRETARY FOR
ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE IN THE COMMERCE MINISTRY.

2. BOUTORABI'S PREVIOUS POSITION WAS CHIEF OF THE CONTRACTORS
OFFICE OF THE PLAN AND BUDGET ORGANIZATION. PRIOR TO THAT
HE WAS A REGIONAL ADVISOR IN PBO. BOUTORABI HAS A BA IN
CHEMISTRY FROM TEHRAN UNIVERSITY AND DEGREE IN METEOROLOGY
AND TOPOGRAPHY AND GEODESY FROM THE IRAN CIVIL AVIATION
ORGANIZATION AND THE IRANIAN GEOGRAPHIC ORGANIZATION,
RESPECTIVELY. HE HAS ALSO COMPLETED A ONE-YEAR COURSE
ON PLANNING AND ECONOMIC REPORTING SPONSORED BY THE PBO.

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3. BOUTORABI IS IN HIS EARLY 40'S AND SPEAKS ADEQUATE,
IF NOT FLUENT ENGLISH. HIS APPOINTMENT, COMING AFTER
ONLY A YEAR IN HIS PREVIOUS POSITION, CAN BE CONSIDERED
A FEATHER IN HIS CAP. DURING HIS ASSIGNMENT IN THE
CONTRACTORS OFFICE HE WAS CONSIDERED HELPFUL IN HIS
DEALINGS WITH THE EMBASSY. HIS REPLACEMENT IS MR. ALIREZA
SOHAIE.

4. KAMEL HELMI-KABIR WAS BORN IN TEHRAN IN 1933 HAS AS M.A. IN ECONOMICS IN BANKING FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON AND WAS PREVIOUSLY COMMERCIAL DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ARYA SHIPPING LINES AND MANAGING DIRECTOR OF SOUTH SHIPPING LINES-IRAN LINE, A SUBSIDIARY OF THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED ARYA SHIPPING LINES. PRIOR TO THIS, HE SERVED IN BARCLAYS BANK IN LONDON (1963), BANK SADERAT IRAN (1965-68), THE INDUSTRIAL CREDIT BANK OF IRAN (1969-71), AND AS A FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC EXPERT WITH ARYA (1971). HELMI-KABIR HAS REPRESENTED IRAN AT SEVERAL INTERNATIONAL BANKING AND SHIPPING CONFERENCES.

5. IT IS TO BE HOPED THAT THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE FOREIGN TRANSACTIONS COMPANY WILL NOT MEAN A FURTHER DELAY IN CLEARING PAST DUE DEMURRAGE AND OTHER CLAIMS ON THAT ORGANIZATION SIMILAR TO THOSE THAT OCCURRED WHEN HIS PREDECESSOR ASSUMED CONTROL OF THE FTC A YEAR OR SO EARLIER. OPIMISTICALLY, IT MAY BE THAT THE APPOINTMENT OF AN EXPERIENCED ADMINISTRATOR IN BANKING AND SHIPPING AFFAIRS WILL EXPEDITE PAST AND FUTURE TRANSACTIONS.
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